



WOODSTOCK, VIRGINIA.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1909.

Loss of Life in Storm.

Central Tuesday night in Mississippi and sweeping north at the rate of 200 miles a day, the hurricane which devastated the Gulf Coast and left a trail of wreck and ruin through four States, continued on its course with unabated fury.

Of the ruin that it has wrought, no one can give an estimate. In New Orleans alone five are known to be dead and a million dollars will not repair the damage done to the beautiful Crescent City. It is said that plate glass alone will cost \$100,000 to replace.

From the little aristocratic summer colonies on the Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast, some vague tales of devastation and fears that many lives have been lost. Biloxi, the mecca of the wealthy, is still isolated and its fate is unknown. Jackson, Miss., the capital of the State, is still cut off from the coast ports. The dome of the new Capitol at Jackson was wrecked and the old Capitol unroofed. The streets were a tangle of live wires and the fallen trees and debris made the highways impassable.

At Vicksburg two vessels were sunk and a third was driven ashore. Their passengers were rescued. One vessel lies across the channel and has blocked navigation. The property damage in Mobile and vicinity will not be large. Some loss of life is reported in the vicinity of Chief Menteur, La. The hurricane was severe at Gulfport, Miss., waves coming over the mammoth pier and water going into the city, doing considerable damage. Nothing south of Gulfport has been heard from.

'What Will It Cost us to Get Good Roads?'

Good macadam roads take money to build, it is true; \$2,000 a mile may be regarded as the minimum under favorable circumstances for a good nine-foot macadam road. Ordinarily in the South such a road will cost \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Where gravel beds are convenient the cost of road-building is greatly reduced. The gravel road shown on the first page cost \$1,500 to \$1,600 a mile to build, the gravel costing 60 cents a cubic yard loaded on the cars, and the freight being \$5.50 a car. Where gravel beds are in easy reach of the road, as is the case in many places throughout the South—so that only one handling would be necessary, this cost could be much reduced; our report from Greensville County, Virginia, tells of splendid gravel roads at \$1,000 a mile.

The beautiful sand-clay road pictured on our first page cost less than \$400 a mile, and good roads of this kind have been built for much less. This work was done with convict labor, however, which made it cheaper than it would otherwise have been. The average cost, according to Prof. Eldridge, of 4 sand-clay roads in North Carolina and 3 in Florida, was \$630 a mile. When one remembers that these roads have remained in good shape for ten years and more, he cannot help feeling that the whole South owes a debt of gratitude to their originator.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

Who is the Republican Nominee?

This question is heard on all sides as the election approaches. That the convention that nominated Mr. M. H. Hottle was sustained as the regular convention, by the republican State convention at Newport News can not be questioned, therefore it follows as a natural result that Mr. Hottle is the regular nominee, and as such entitled to the support of all loyal party men.

If Mr. Bowman persists in his independent attitude and thereby threatens the success of his party in this county, the party authority of the State should introduce Mr. Bowman to the game called "set back," as he possibly would prove more of a success at this, than at the game of law making.

If the friends of Mr. Bowman, can show that he has ever done one thing either for his party or constituents, except answer the roll call, and draw his per diem then the old line republicans of Shenandoah may waive party loyalty and support him. Until this is done, let Mr. Bowman go way back and "set down."

OLD TIME REPUBLICAN.

Lady Dies on Train.

Trainmen returning over the Southern Monday report the sudden death of Miss Sallie Jackson, a lady about 60 years of age, who boarded the Sunday night train at Reetortown, where she had been spending the summer. Apparently in the best of health she bade her friends farewell, entered the coach and took her seat, and in a few minutes dropped dead.

Heart trouble, it is supposed, was the cause of her death. The body was taken from the train at Marshall and word was sent to her relatives in Washington apprising them of her sudden death.

Apples Wanted.

We will purchase apples at Woodstock, Tom's Brook and Fisher's Hill, this season.

MAUCK & MILLER,
Aug. 13-3m pd. S. D. Eppard, agt.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

MANN OPENED THE CAMPAIGN AT CULPEPER.

Democratic Candidate for Governor of Virginia Given a Hearty Reception.

CULPEPER Va., Sept. 20.—Judge William Hodges Mann, Democratic candidate for Governor was well received in an address here to-night, in the course of his campaign. He said: I had hoped to be able in this my first regular speech of the campaign to give to the people of the State such a history of the Democratic party as would enable them to see at a glance, and from the facts and figures about which there could be no controversy, that this great party of the people had been faithful to the trust reposed in it.

I deny that there is any office-holding trust in Virginia, but assert that the people of our State elect their own officers, in their own way, and impose upon them duties which these officers have been faithful to perform, and for which the people hold them responsible. In strikes me, however, as a little strange that this charge should come from the nominee of a party in which less than a dozen are the distributors of the patronage of the Federal government, and who hold their party together by the cohesion of official salaries discriminatorily bestowed upon those who respond to the call of the chief in every canvass and in every time of need.

In what respect is the Democratic party either wasteful or incompetent? Why should the management of the affairs of the State be taken out of its hands? It will not do to deal in generalities; acts of incompetence and mismanagement must be pointed out and proved; mere general allegations will not satisfy the Virginia people. * * * It must be borne in mind that 5 cents of the 35 on the \$100 now levied for State taxes are devoted to the payment of \$430,000 of pensions to Confederate soldiers in contrast with \$105,236 paid in 1899; that 10 cents on the \$100 are devoted to schools, and that the State maintains its agencies and runs its government on the remaining 20 cents, the amounts received from railroads and other corporations and from licenses.

The standards of our public schools have been steadily but conservatively raised. Our system ranked No. 35 four years ago and now stands No. 18 amongst the States of the Union, and we expended on them in 1908 \$540,042 more than in 1898. * * *

When the Democratic party took charge of the State government twenty-five years ago our funded debt was \$45,718,122.23. During Governor McKinney's administration this amount was reduced by agreement between the State and its creditors to \$29,825,024.94 of which we have paid and retired \$4,838,065.11, leaving the present debt \$24,986,958.83, the interest on which has been promptly met, and our 3 per cent. bonds are selling in the markets of the world around 92. Surely the holders of our State bonds do not think our finances have been badly managed. Indeed, the price of our bonds is the world's testimony to the safe and conservative management of our State government by the party in power. * * *

PROSPERITY OF THE FARMERS OF VIRGINIA.

The State under Democratic administration has been looking after the interests of the farmer. Our Agricultural Department, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Blacksburg, the experimental station, the departments of agriculture in the rural high schools, and last but not least the prosperity of the farmers themselves bear out the assertion. In 1900 we produced corn to the value of \$10,000,000; in 1908 this crop yielded \$30,000,000. The total value of farm products for 1900, including corn, was \$95,304,000, and in 1908 \$159,000,000 an increase of \$63,696,000 in eight years. * * *

GOOD ROADS.

As a part of the program for the advancement of the agricultural interest a State Department of Highways has been created, and is doing efficient work in giving information to the people and skilled direction in the building of permanent highways. Since the creation of this department roads have been completed in thirteen different counties and turned over to the counties. Work is now being done on 283 miles in thirty-four counties, of which 117 are already completed and work is in progress on the remainder. * * *

I elected Governor of this Commonwealth I will recommend to the Legislature the adoption of a settled, definite plan by which the State will extend its aid to the counties for the building of permanent highways, and which will enable the counties to know what amount they can expect from the State for the payment of the interest on bonds or for the building of highways. A plan which will be of great benefit to the people of this Commonwealth. I think the record here given, which shows but a small part of the good work done for the people of Virginia, is the strongest testimony which could be given to an administration which has been wise and fruitful, and which meets with my approval. I trust that, profiting by the experience of our Governor and stimulated by what he has accomplished, I may be able to take up the work and be instrumental in bringing about results which shall redound to the moral, educational, industrial and commercial progress of Virginia.

Let us then, fellow-Democrats, forget our former differences in a great struggle for the success of Democratic principles and policies; let us touch elbows as we stand in front of our common enemy, and let us, working together, achieve a success which will settle the question of Democratic supremacy for years to come. And when this has been done, let us come together and continue to deserve the confidence of the people by doing in the future better and greater works than we have ever done in the past, and give to old Virginia an administration, legislative, judicial and executive, which will command the respect and confidence of all the people and result in the moral, educational and industrial progress of 2,000,000 of the best people upon whom the sun of heaven shines.

ELECTION METHODS. Election methods were mentioned by the nominee of the Republican party, and in the same speech other States than Virginia, which are under the Republican rule, are referred to. The combination is unhappy. Pennsylvania and West Virginia furnish examples in this and other directions which it would not be well for Virginia to follow. Indeed, the Constitutional Convention in 1901 was called for the purpose of getting rid of the colored vote, which threatened every interest and was used by the Republican party in every possible way for the election of its officers and the carrying out of its plans and schemes. And, with the disfranchisement of the negro, the Democratic party determined that the elections in the State of Virginia should be fair, and that

every qualified voter should have the right to vote his sentiments, and that the ballots should be counted as cast, and the laws having this object in view were drawn to carry the constitutional provision and intent into effect, and so far as I am informed has done so. And today elections are fair in Virginia; certainly, this is my belief. I know that Republicans do not like to go back to the days of reconstruction when negroes were used to imperil our civilization, and when in constitutional convention that party sought to disfranchise every white man in Virginia. I know that the Republican party voted against the constitution in 1901, because it did not wish to see the negroes, its friends and allies, disfranchised. And then, when the act of disfranchisement was practically complete turned upon the negro, who had lost his power, and was only a reproach, and formed a Lily White Republican party, from which the colored brother was forced, and in whose councils he was not allowed to participate as a sharer of benefits. * * *

The Republican party hasn't changed. It wants the Crumpacker bill, the tariff which creates and fosters great trusts and monopolies, which are the bane of the country today. It wants to continue in power; it cares nothing for Anglo-Saxon supremacy, but it does care for Republican supremacy. It has offered and can offer no inducement to the Democrats of Virginia to enroll themselves in its ranks. * * *

The Democratic party has shown by its acts that it favors pensions to Confederate soldiers, and if I am elected Governor, as I confidently expect to be, I will recommend to the Legislature a liberal appropriation for the brave men who made history from 1861 to 1865, and have given to Virginia and the country a record of which every American should be proud. * * *

I have never been anything but a Democrat, and so far as I can remember never cast any other vote, and have always submitted the questions which I conceived to be for the benefit of the people to my party for decision, and have always abided its action. * * *

I expect to have the appointment of at least one member of the State Corporation Commission, and I expect to appoint some man whose character and qualifications are so high that there will be no criticism of my appointment, but the man selected will not be a Republican. * * *

As a member of the committee charged with the investigation of the charges against Judge Rhea, I reached my conclusion on the evidence along with eight other good men, there being nine out of ten of the committee in favor of exonerating Judge Rhea, and for my actions in this case I have no apologies to make. * * *

I desire to say that I favor the most rigid and careful examination of banks by competent men, and I favor the enactment of a law which will hold the examiners responsible for neglect of duty, and which will protect the interests of the depositor. * * *

I am in favor of the equalization of taxes and in favor of an assessment which shall be fair to all, and I have repeatedly declared, I believe that if every man should bear his just share of the public burden, there would be no unreasonable burden on any one. I think the State should be fair and honest in the enactment of its laws and should require obedience to them, and when the Legislature meets I will be prepared to recommend a plan which will carry out the policy here expressed. * * *

The nominee of the Republican party seems to think that his party has discovered local option and the county and city unit. It may not be amiss for me to call his attention to the fact that the local option laws were passed by a Democratic Legislature in 1885, and the Mann bill by a Democratic Legislature in 1903; that the city has always been, and is now, the unit in local option elections, and that a county unit bill was passed, if I remember correctly, by the Democratic House of Delegates in 1903, but came to the Senate so late in the session that the objection to its consideration by a very few Senators defeated its passage; that it formed a part of the legislative program of the Anti-Saloon League and has received my approval. There is nothing new in the Republican platform, and nothing which calls on the people of Virginia to support its nominee. * * *

And now, in order to prevent possible misunderstanding, I desire to say on the temperance, as upon all other questions, I stand on my Petersburgh speech. * * *

I have purposely delayed reference to the splendid administration of Governor Swanson, because, I desired before referring to it to point out briefly what had been done in Virginia by the Democratic party under his leadership. I think the record here given, which shows but a small part of the good work done for the people of Virginia, is the strongest testimony which could be given to an administration which has been wise and fruitful, and which meets with my approval. I trust that, profiting by the experience of our Governor and stimulated by what he has accomplished, I may be able to take up the work and be instrumental in bringing about results which shall redound to the moral, educational, industrial and commercial progress of Virginia.

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MAURETOWN.

Mrs. L. C. Felzer, of Strasburg was the guest of her father-in-law, the latter part of last week.

W. E. McInturf and wife visited relatives at Stephen's City, on last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Daniel Fravel and Miss Annie Rinker, of Columbus, Ohio, who visited the family of Philip Rinker here for several days, left for a visit to friends at Woodstock on Monday, and will leave for their home on next Monday.

J. Harris Thompson and wife, who were attending the funeral of Mrs. Thompson's father, Ezra Hottel, of Staunton, returned to their home at Lexington on Monday.

Alpha Hotel will leave for Davis, W. Va., Saturday, where he has secured a position.

The Valley Pike Love Feast on last Saturday night was the most largely attended for a number of years.

Samuel Pierce expects to accept a position as brakeman on the Southern Railway.

Miss Edna Keller has returned to Grottos, where she is engaged in the millinery business.

Mrs. Fadelie and child, of Strasburg visited Mrs. Samantha Robinson for several days this week.

Little Misses Ruth Crabbill and Florence Shaver prepared dinner on last Saturday at Ras McInturf's, and Miss Goldie tells us they served a nice meal. They are only 11 years of age.

Mrs. Eva Hottel, who had been visiting in Hagerstown, for several weeks, returned here on last Saturday.

Paul and Winnett Shaver left on Wednesday for Shenandoah College, at Reliance, Va., where they will attend this session.

Mrs. A. G. Shaver left for Winchester on Thursday to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Mary Julia Seals to Mr. William Wagner, a letter carrier of the city of Winchester on Wednesday the 20th.

J. B. Clem, Jr., is daily receiving a large and attractive line of goods for his fall and winter trade, since his return from New York and Baltimore last week.

There will be preaching at the Brethren Church, Sunday night next, by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Shaver.

On Wednesday Sept. 22, Rev. E. B. Shaver united in marriage at his residence at high noon Mr. Howard W. Robertson of Middletown and Miss Veni Hammack of Reliance. Mr. Robertson is a prominent miller of Middletown. The bride being one of the prominent families of Warren county and a bright and intelligent young lady. The bridal couple left on the south bound one o'clock train for Staunton and other southern points.

Our school opened Monday with about 160 scholars. Mr. Harlow, of Winchester is our principal this session. Three of the last year's teachers are here again. Prof. Harlow and Miss French, of Woodstock, are the two new ones.

Mrs. Ada Keller's millinery goods have arrived here.

Mr. J. A. McWilliams, our groceryman, has typhoid fever. His brother, Sam has charge of his store, while he is sick.

Mr. W. F. Webb, who has been sick for several weeks is able to be about again.

The Dr. O. U. A. M. put a new flag on the school house, last Monday. Charles Hupp, after climbing about 55 feet succeeded in taking down the old one and placing a new one in its stead. The flag is 5 by 8 feet.

Mrs. B. B. Dever has been sick for the past few weeks.

Mr. F. E. Dever, of Brunswick was at his home here the first of last week.

Messrs. Tom Miller and Alpha Hines took in the excursion to Washington.

B. M. Borden is laying the cement blocks for his house.

Mrs. Bert Bushong left for Washington on Wednesday to visit her sister for a few weeks.

Misses Lulu Hupp, of Strasburg, and Annie Dean, of Harrisville, spent Sunday with Miss Pearl Hupp, of this place.

Mrs. David Holler and son, Floyd, were in Mauretown on Thursday.

Mrs. Alice Sager and Mrs. Calvin Dellinger, of Washington spent Thursday with friends here.

Messrs. W. C. Ritenour and family and C. D. Albert and family spent Sunday at Vaucley visiting friends.

Misses Mona Milley and Lena Smith left Monday for Dayton, Va., to attend school this session.

Misses Grace and Annie Wolfe returned from a week's visit to Alexandria and Washington.

Mrs. Joseph Bean, of Washington is here visiting her sister, Mrs. O. Wisman.

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MT. JACKSON.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hegner entertained a number of their friends at an old time supper at their hospitable home on the Orkney pike last Friday night. Among those present were: Misses Anna Wenger, Essie Funkhouser, Mollie, Sue, and Mae Wolfe, Margaret, Mamie, Virginia and Anna Tisinger, Carrie and Lena Zirkle, and Messrs. Taylor and Chas. Funkhouser, John and Harper Wolfe, Bertel Fausler, Harry Shuttles, Gilbert Ruby, Edgar and Bernie Zirkle.

Miss Susie Miller who has been visiting Mr. Wm. Burket and family returned to her home in Washington last Tuesday.

Our town is improving right along. Mr. J. C. Baker is building a beautiful cottage on Arlington heights at the west end of Water street, and M. Wm. Kronk is building two handsome cottages on High street, Mr. Sam'l Bowman is enlarging his property and Mr. S. P. Lomas is painting his handsome residence on Main St.

Miss Darkie Dodson, of Washington, visited Mr. Jacob Estep and family this week.

Miss Mary Andrew, of Md., and Mrs. Claude Wilson, of Edinburg visited their aunt Mrs. W. C. Miller and family this week.

Miss Mable Dingleline has accepted a position in the Edinburg high school.

Miss Gertrude Walden returned last Thursday and will attend the high school this winter.

Mrs. Ella Hammond and Mrs. Chas. Hall visited friends in Edinburg last week.

Miss Ida Furry is visiting friends Tom's Brook.

Miss Carrie Pence, of Timberville visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wunder this week.

Miss Willie Neff returned to the Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, last Thursday.

Mrs. Josie Alexander, of Clarksburg, W. Va., is visiting her father, Mr. Jacob Clem.

Miss Florence Shippe, of Readous is trimming for Mrs. Howard this season.

Mr. Claude Funkhouser, of Plattsburg, Mo., is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Lucinda Hottel and daughter, Mrs. W. H. Ruby and great grand daughter Miss Hilda Maphis who have been visiting friends in Winchester returned to their home last Monday.

Mr. P. M. S. Bird, Sr. lost a fine colt last Sunday morning.

Miss Lena Cooper left last Saturday morning for Elkton where she will teach this season.

Mr. Wm. Miller left here last Tuesday for the Eastern markets to buy his fall and winter stock of merchandise.

Miss Joe Cooper who has been sometime at her home in this place returned to Washington last Thursday.

Mrs. Johnson and son Waverly who have been visiting Mrs. Mattie Moore returned to their home in Baltimore last Monday.

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